

Whittemore Park Middle School

1808 Rhue Street
Conway, SC 29527



South Carolina State Report Card

State and federal laws require public schools to release report cards to the public each year. This year, the report card has been updated to reflect changes in reporting directed by the SC Education Oversight Committee. Schools will not be rated for state accountability purposes until Fall 2017 when the state will transition to a single accountability system. The following reports student performance in school year 2014-15.

Grades:	6-8 Middle	Principal:	Judy Beard
Enrollment:	804 students	Superintendent:	Dr. Rick Maxey
School Phone:	843-488-0669	Board Chair:	Joe DeFeo
School Website:	http://wpm.horrycountyschools.net/		



Profile of the SC Graduate

World Class Knowledge

- Rigorous standards in language arts and math for career and college readiness
- Multiple languages, science, technology, engineering, mathematics (STEM), arts and social sciences*

World Class Skills

- Creativity and innovation
- Critical thinking and problem solving
- Collaboration and teamwork
- Communication, information, media and technology
- Knowing how to learn

Life and Career Characteristics

- Integrity
- Self-direction
- Global perspective
- Perseverance
- Work ethic
- Interpersonal skills

WORLD CLASS SKILLS & LIFE AND CAREER CHARACTERISTICS

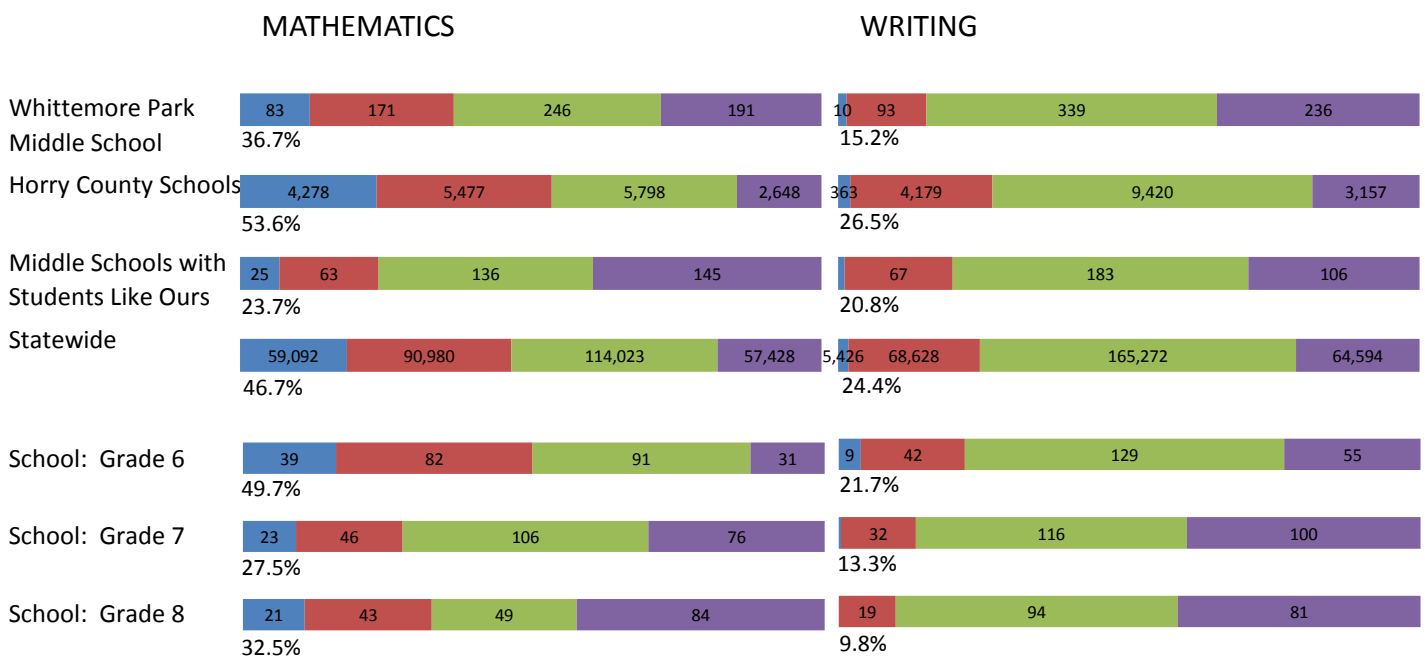
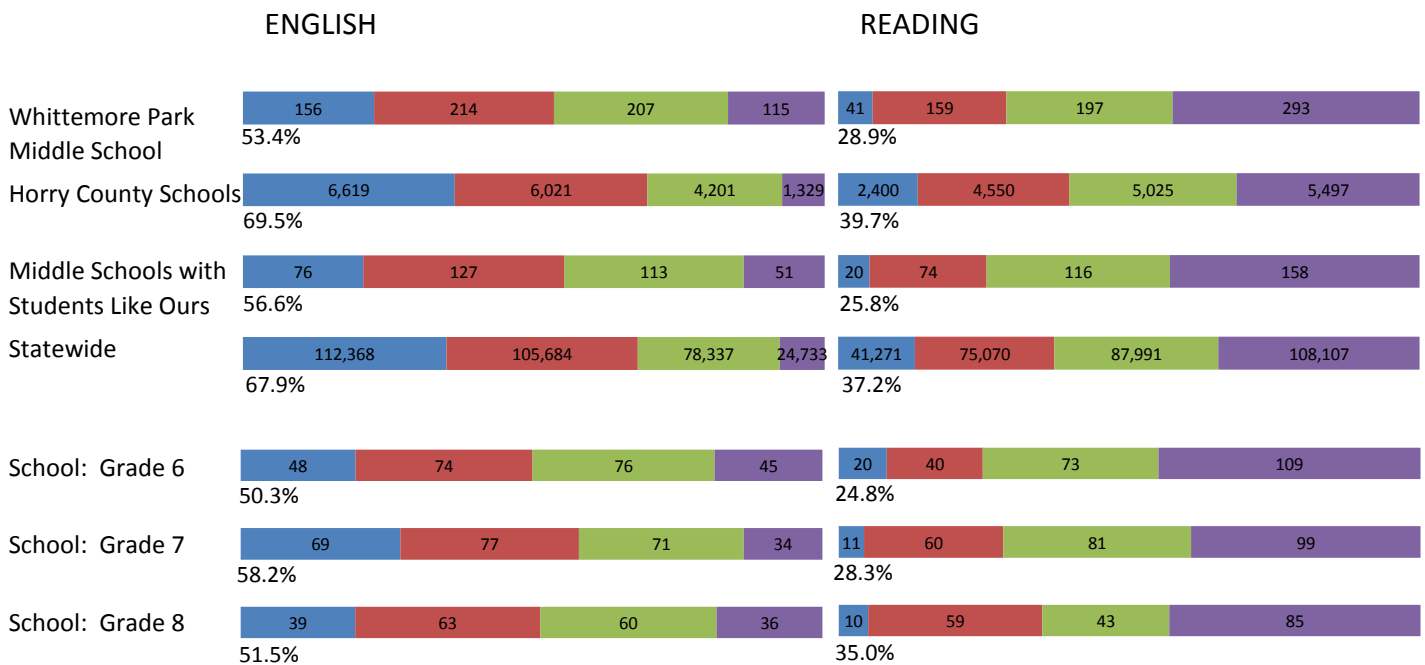
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Our school is helping all students develop the world class skills and life and career characteristics of the Profile of the South Carolina Graduate by providing rigorous standards, providing opportunities for career and college explorations and expectations, and focusing on innovation, critical thinking, collaboration, project-based learning and technology integration. Our efforts have focused on improving achievement for all students with an emphasis on innovation utilizing 21st century tools. Our school received the SC Palmetto Silver Award for closing the achievement gap. Students at Whittemore Park were recognized for many accomplishments during the past year. Four students were recognized as SC Junior Scholars. Sixteen students participated in the Jackson Scholar Mentor Program on the campus of Coastal Carolina University and twenty students participated in the Educational Talent Search Program on the campus of Horry Georgetown Technical College. Over sixty students were inducted into the National Junior Beta Club. Our band, chorus and orchestra programs continued to grow and excel. Fourteen students were named All-County Chorus, eleven students were named All-County Band and one student was named All-County Orchestra. The student and staff leadership team worked with the Quaglia Institute for Student Aspirations to explore ways to further engage the Conway community. A record number of community partnerships were established to support the school's mission. Our students and staff participated in many service projects to assist organizations in our community, state and nation. Our staff members continued to grow professionally by participating in continuous professional development and graduate coursework. Sheila Fry was selected as Teacher of the Year. Three teachers presented at TransformSC and our school's blended learning model was featured in Education Week and Coastal Today publications. Thanks to the generous support of our community, PTO and parents, we were able to provide recognition items for our students. Our staff, PTO, School Improvement Council and administration will remain dedicated to our goal of innovation and excellence. Judy Beard, Principal Jean Burden, School Improvement Council Chairman

* 21st Century core courses in Social Sciences include History, Geography, Economics, Government and Civics.

KNOWLEDGE

The ACT Aspire assessment was given to students in grades 3-8 in Spring 2015. Students were assessed in the subject areas of Reading, English, Mathematics and Writing



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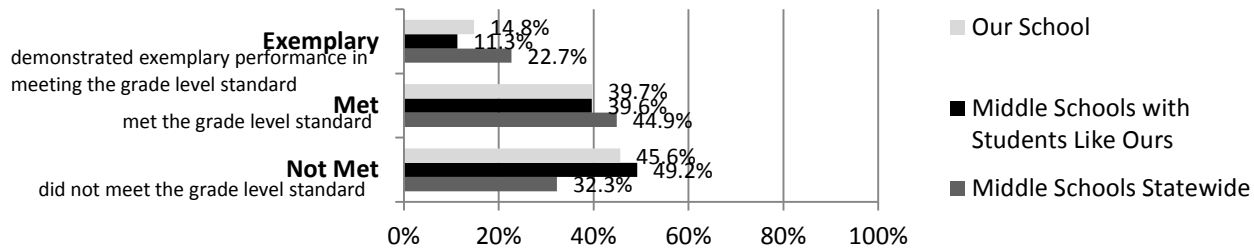
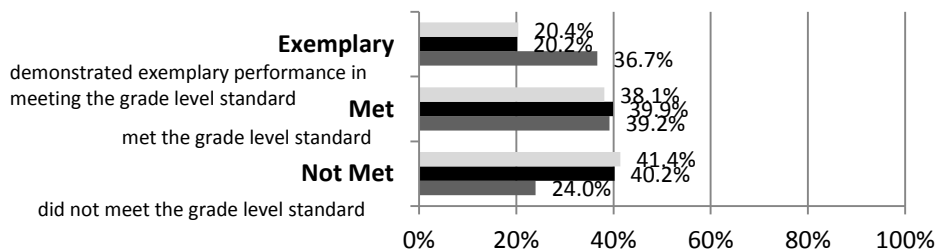
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The SC Palmetto Assessment of State Standards (SCPASS) was given to students in grades 4 - 8 in Spring 2015. Students were assessed in the subject areas of Science and Social Studies.

Science**Social Studies****Science SCPASS**

Our School: Percent Met and Above for each grade level		
6th grade	7th grade	8th grade
55.1	52.8	55.6

Social Studies SCPASS

Our School: Percent Met and Above for each grade level		
6th grade	7th grade	8th grade
61.3	56.8	57.4

Note: Results include SC-Alt assessment results.

Exemplary

"Exemplary": student demonstrated exemplary performance in meeting the grade level standard.

Met

"Met": student met the grade level standard.

Not Met

"Not Met": student did not meet the grade level standard.

End of Course Tests

Percent of tests with scores of 70 or above on:	Our School	Middle Schools with Students Like Ours
Algebra 1/Math for the Technologies 2	97.6	94.0
English 1	100	88.5
Biology 1	N/A	49.1
US History and the Constitution	N/A	55
All Subjects	98.1	91.0

Middle Schools with Students Like Ours are middle schools with poverty indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for the school.

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OPPORTUNITIES

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Middle Schools with students like ours
Students (n = 804)			
Percent of students participating in Medicaid, SNAP, or TANF; homeless, foster, or migrant students (poverty index)	87.1	Down from 92.0%	N/A
Percent of students (grade 7 & 8) enrolled in HS credit courses	38.4	Up from 23.3%	26.3
Attendance Rate	95.3	Down from 96.8%	95.0
With disabilities	23.4	Down from 24.7%	15.3
Out of school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.6	Down from 2.0%	0.6
Percentage of students served by gifted and talented programs	17.1	Up from 15.9%	11.3
Percentage of students retained	0.4	Down from 0.5%	0.9
Annual dropout rate	0.0	No change	0.0
Teachers (n = 57)			
Percentage of teachers with advanced degrees	70.2	Up from 69.8%	61.2
Percentage of teachers on continuing contract	63.2	Down from 81.4%	69.0
Teachers returning from previous year	88.0	Down from 89.5%	78.8
Teacher attendance rate	95.4	Up from 94.1%	94.8
Average teacher salary*	\$50,375	Down 5.5%	\$46,536
Professional development days / teacher	17.2 days	Down from 19.9 days	10.7 days
Percentage of teacher vacancies for more than 9 weeks	0.0	N/A	1.2
School			
Principal's years at school	3.0	Up from 2.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	23.6 to 1	Up from 16.9 to 1	19.4 to 1
Prime instructional time	88.4	Down from 88.5%	88.4
Opportunities in the arts	Good	No change	Good
Opportunities in foreign languages	Poor	N/A	Poor
AdvancEd (SACS) accreditation	Yes	No change	Yes
Parents attending conferences	100.0	Up from 98.3%	98.8
Character development program	Excellent	No change	Good
Avg. age of books / electronic media in the school library	13.0	N/A	15.1
Number of resources available per student in the school library media center	15.3	N/A	28.0
Bandwidth capacity per student	50-100 Mbps	N/C	N/A
Percent of classrooms with wireless access	51-75%	N/C	N/A
District-issued learning devices per student	1.4	N/C	0.8
District-issued technology devices per teacher	1.9	N/C	2.0
Percentage of classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.5	Down from 5.8%	6.3
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$12,011	Up 5.4%	\$8,890
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	55.6	Up from 55.1%	57.7
Percent of expenditures for teachers' salaries**	57.0	Up from 55.8%	58.7

* Includes current year teachers contracted for 190 days or more.

** Prior year audited financial data are reported.

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OPPORTUNITIES**Evaluations by Teachers, Students, and Parents****Evaluations by Teachers, Students, and Parents**

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	55	183	85
Percent satisfied with learning environment	85.5	86.3	87.1
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	89.0	76.2	82.3
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	85.4	92.8	69.4

* Only students at the highest middle school grade and their parents were included.

State Ratings History of School

Year	Absolute Rating	Growth Rating
2014	Average	Average
2013	Average	Average
2012	Average	Average

Based on state law, schools will not be rated for state accountability purposes until Fall 2017.

Additional Resources

SC State Content Standards
[Family-Friendly Guides to the SC Content Standards](#)
[2014-15 Accountability Manual](#)
[Report Card Data Files](#)
[ESEA Data Files](#)

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